

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

Brian J. Detwiler

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 4 August 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 4/17/00 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher Hilberg on 23 November 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 8: line 4, replace "Figure 1" with -- Figure 1A --.

On page 12: line 24, replace "Figure 1A" with -- Figure 1B --.

On page 13: line 8, replace "Figure 1B" with -- Figure 1C --.

On page 28: line 15 (previously amended on 24 November 2003), replace "Figure 7" with -- Figure 7A --.

On page 29: line 1, replace "Figure 7A" with -- Figure 7B --.

On page 29: line 12, replace "Figure 7B" with -- Figure 7C --.

On page 29: line 29, replace "Figure 7C" with -- Figure 7D --.

On page 30: line 10, replace "Figure 7D" with -- Figure 7E --.

On page 34: line 30, replace "Figure 14" with -- Figure 14A --.

On page 35: line 18, replace "Figure 14A" with -- Figure 14B --.

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On page 36: line 10, replace "Figure 14B" with -- Figure 14C --.

On page 36: line 12, replace "Figure 14B" with -- Figure 14C --.

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

Rename Figure 1 to "Figure 1A".

Rename Figure 1A to "Figure 1B".

Rename Figure 1B to "Figure 1C".

Rename Figure 7 to "Figure 7A".

Rename Figure 7A to "Figure 7B".

Rename Figure 7B to "Figure 7C".

Rename Figure 7C to "Figure 7D".

Rename Figure 7D to "Figure 7E".

Rename Figure 14 to "Figure 14A".

Rename Figure 14A to "Figure 14B".

Rename Figure 14B to "Figure 14C".

In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-20 are allowed.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In combination with the claimed subject matter, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest automatically acquiring background information relevant to a defined activity by obtaining the activity description, parsing and pattern matching the activity description, and querying a plurality of network sources for the background information. The closest prior art, Microsoft Outlook, teaches a calendaring system for defining a plurality of activities by entering corresponding title and description information.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian J. Detwiler whose telephone number is 571-272-4049. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 8-5:30 and alternating Fridays 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Cabeca can be reached on 571-272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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